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SUBJECT: PARTIAL I.V. GRANT CANDIDATE RAOUL A. PANTIN

1. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS PARTIAL I.V. GRANT TO FOLLOWING
CANDIDATE SCHEDULED TO PARTICIPATE IN PHELPS-STOKES FUND
CARIBBEAN EDUCATORS PROJECT NOVEMBER 19 - DECEMBER 7.

2. BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION:

A. FULL NAME: RAOUL ANTHONY PANTIN.

B. PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH: PORT OF SPAIN, [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 5 September 2013].

C. CITIZENSHIP: TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

D. MAILING ADDRESS: C/O NBS RADIO 610, 17 ABERCROMBY STREET,
PORT OF SPAIN

E. ACADEMIC TRAINING: COMPLETED SECONDARY SCHOOL. FELLOWSHIP IN
JOURNALISM AT THOMSON JOURNALISM CENTRE, CARDIFF, WALES.

F. PRESENT POSITION: PRODUCER, CURRENT AFFAIRS, NBS RADIO 610,
PORT OF SPAIN.

G. POSITIONS IN PAST: FEATURE WRITER AT TRINIDAD MIRROR;
BUSINESS EDITOR AT TRINIDAD GUARDIAN; SUNDAY EDITOR AT TRINIDAD
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H. MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS: MEMBER AND FORMER SECRETARY OF JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO; MEMBER OF CIVIL RIGHTS COMMITTEE.

I. TRAVELS ABROAD: NEW YORK, 1966 (ONE WEEK); WALES, 1967 (THREE MONTHS); ENGLAND, 1969 (ONE MONTH); VARIOUS ENGLISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES UNDER UNESCO PROGRAM, 1973 (TWO MONTHS).

J. KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH: NATIVE SPEAKER.

K. PLANNED ACTIVITIES IN U.S.: VISIT TO WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA FOR APPROXIMATELY SEVEN DAYS DECEMBER 8 - 15 FOR OBSERVATION OF U.S. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES, ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES AND VISITS TO NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO STATIONS.

3. JUSTIFICATION: PANTIN IS ONE OF THE MOST GIFTED AND CONSCIENTIOUS JOURNALISTS IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. HE PRODUCES AND PARTICIPATES IN THE BEST EVENING RADIO NEWS SHOW AND WRITES AT LEAST ONCE WEEKLY A THOUGHTFUL BACKGROUND FEATURE IN THE DAILY EXPRESS ON CURRENT POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES. HE HAS A REPUTATION FOR BALANCE AND INDUSTRIOUS INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING. HE IS ALSO THE AUTHOR OF A SUCCESSFUL FULL-LENGTH MOVIE SCREENPLAY WITH A TRINIDAD SETTING WHICH WILL BE RELEASED IN DECEMBER IN USA AND TRINIDAD. A PARTIAL GRANT IN THE WASHINGTON AREA FOLLOWING THE PHELPS-STOKES PROJECT WOULD BE OF GREAT BENEFIT TO EMBASSY INTERESTS. COSTS WOULD INCLUDE DOMESTIC TRAVEL ADDED TO PHELPS-STOKES ITINERARY PLUS PER DIEM.

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